

LOOKS CAN KILL!

About Noxious Weeds

What is a noxious weed?

Noxious weeds are weeds that, by law, must be controlled. They are the most competitive, aggressive and invasive plants. Many of these plants are not native and have been brought here without their natural enemy to keep them in check. They spread easily, reproduce quickly and in large quantities, and reduce the populations of desirable plants.



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How can I help?

You can help by doing the following:

- ✓ Learn to identify noxious weeds in your area.
- ✓ Report sightings of noxious weeds to your local county or land management agency.
- ✓ Do not pick wildflowers or plants because they may be noxious weeds and picking them can spread their seeds.
- ✓ Check local weed lists before you buy plants for your garden or yard.
- ✓ Clean all camping gear, clothing, and shoes before leaving an area to avoid inadvertently taking seeds along with you to the next campsite.
- ✓ Always stay on designated trails when camping or hiking, avoiding weed infested areas.
- ✓ Drive only on established roads or trails away from weed infested areas.

How do I identify a noxious weed?



Meadow Knapweed

It is important to know what plants to look for and how to recognize the features of these plants. Below are links to weed websites that will help you familiarize yourself with what noxious weeds in your area look like.

- www.ag.state.co.us/csd/weeds/weedhome.html
- www.co.larimer.co.us/publicworks/weeds/30weeds/thirty30.htm
- www.ext.colostate.edu/ptlk/2103.html
- www.cwma.org/weed.htm

What do I do if I find a noxious weed?

If you find a noxious weed, please contact your local NRCS and/or conservation district office immediately. Make a mental note of the location and take a photo, if possible.